

## Chapter 3

## Section 1.2

### Moderate (Conscious) Sedation

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#### 1.0 CPT PROCEDURE CODES

99151 - 99153, 99155 - 99157

#### 2.0 HCPCS PROCEDURE CODE

G0500

#### 3.0 DESCRIPTION

Moderate (conscious) sedation is a drug induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation.

#### 4.0 POLICY

**4.1** Conscious sedation is bundled into many procedures. Conscious sedation is not covered separately when provided by the same physician as it is considered an integral part of the primary procedure.

**4.2** If a physician performs a procedure that does not bundle conscious sedation and the same physician also performs moderate sedation, it is appropriate to separately bill Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) procedure codes 99151 - 99153.

**4.3** If a second physician performs conscious sedation (other than the professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service) it is appropriate to separately bill CPT procedure codes 99155 - 99157, if the site is in a facility setting.

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